

MUST GIVE AS WELL AS TAKE, SAYS McANENY

Opponents of Contracts Conceal Advantages, He Declares, as Hearing Ends.

CITY OWNS NEW SUBWAYS

Municipal Construction Also Obtained and Skilled Operator Gets Lease—Crowd Wants Action.

With arguments by President Mitchell of the Board of Aldermen on the negative and Borough President McAneny on the affirmative the two-day hearing on the proposed contracts for the dual transit system came to a close in the council chamber at the City Hall at 6:30 o'clock last night. The temper of the audience was plainly in favor of the immediate signing of the contracts, and one taxpayer from Brooklyn wanted the chairman to act within a few hours.

All the members of the commission, with the exception of Commissioner Cram, and all the members of the Board of Estimate, except Mayor Gaynor and Borough President Steers of Brooklyn, were seated around the desk in the council chamber. When President Mitchell descended to the floor to make his argument against the contracts he was interrupted by Controller Prendergast and President McAneny. On the other hand, President Mitchell and Commissioner Maltbie shot all sorts of questions at President McAneny when he was talking.

Borough President McAneny laid great stress on the fact that the city was getting many advantages in the contracts which their opponents had been careful not to point out. He said in making a bargain with the companies it had been necessary to give as well as take, but the advantages to be gained by the city were worth everything that was conceded for them by the city. Speaking of the argument of the opposition that the bankers of the Interborough were going to make a big profit on the purchase of the bonds, he said:

"Are we going to stop to arrest the progress of all future subway building until the American system of financing can be reformed?"

City Absolute Owner of Lines. Ending his argument, President McAneny pointed out the following things that were to be gained by the city in the contracts:

"In the first place the new lines are to be owned by the city and not by the company that will operate them; we are gaining absolute municipal ownership of the city's rapid transit system. As I have said, every line, every dollar of value vests in the city immediately.

"We are gaining absolute universal municipal construction, which has been the second slogan, and properly so, because we did not agree to the company's proposition that they build these lines, and that we should contribute so much of our money and our millions for their purposes, but we insisted that we should build them, that they should pay over our contracts and that we should have the control of them, in other words, we are getting municipal construction, and we are getting, as I have pointed out, a larger measure of municipal control than we had ever dreamed possible a few years ago.

"And while there are many who advocate the furthest step of municipal operation, just as there are many of us who believe that to-day, under existing conditions, it would not be wise, we have reserved to the city the right to take the roads after ten years, by any of the methods of recapture I have mentioned, if then it is deemed wise to take such a course.

"With the ownership of this vast system we gain the services of a skilled operator for its development, and by placing the whole matter upon a business basis, controlled by such a body as yours, we are making the best possible use of the money, and we are going to develop these lines to their full value under this management.

"And mark me, if it should be deemed wise to take the furthest step we are at liberty to do so; and we are gaining this—we are gaining service, the development of parts of this city that have been neglected, where real estate values have fallen into stagnation, where the city, in short, is at a standstill because it has long waited for this subway, this vivifying blood of new traffic.

"The Department of Taxes and Assessments has figured out that through the building of these lines there will be at least \$600,000,000 of taxable values, and that means that at our present rate of taxation not far from \$10,000,000 will come from added taxes."

What Interborough Gives Up.

Speaking of the preferential given to the Interborough, Mr. McAneny said:

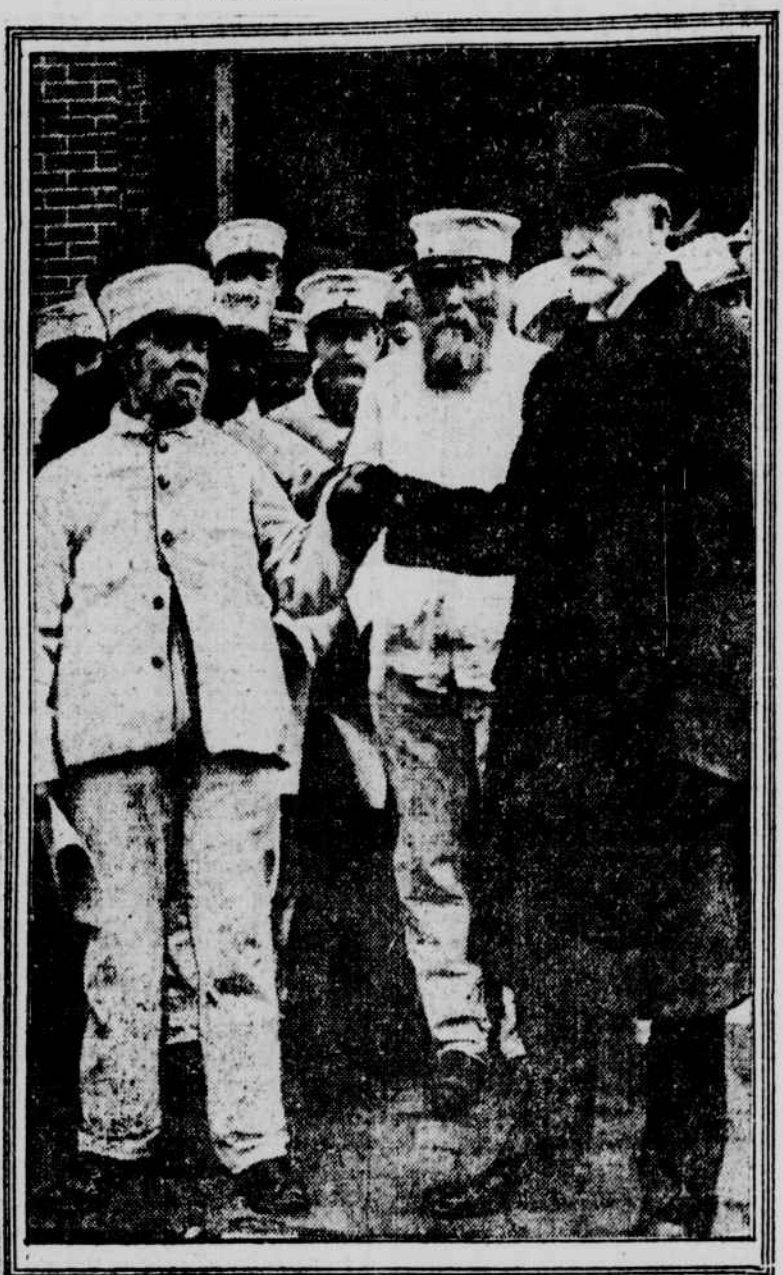
"In return for the protection of their lines from the losses that otherwise they must suffer for a brief period of years they have given us free carriage of our passengers over the new lines and, at the same time, the mileage, as I have said. They have given us the investment of \$15,000,000 without further return to them upon that than the carrying charges of the money, and they have practically limited their chance of profit on this trebled system to the earnings of to-day until the city shall have earned a like amount, enabling both from that point forward to divide as they go along."

President Mitchell argued that there would be the incentive to financial jugglery by which profits might be turned into the coffers of some subsidiary company. He spoke of playing with the system as a political machine. "I do not mean," he added, "that necessarily any one of the political organizations in existence will be able to lay its hands upon this organization and use it for this purpose, but I mean that you will find right there in the company one of the best types of political machines if the people who are in control of it see fit to use it in that way."

J. Aspinwall Hodge, speaking against the contracts, wanted to know why J. Pierpont Morgan had not been made to

MAYOR GAYNOR SHAKING HANDS.

With the oldest street cleaners at Stable A.



appear in public in regard to his part in the deal.

"What could Mr. Morgan say, if he took the stand, that was not said in the recent letter of his firm?" asked Controller Prendergast.

"He could be cross-examined," answered Mr. Hodge.

"If you want to cross-examine him I will subpoena him," said Commissioner Williams.

Mr. Hodge did not accept the offer, saying the responsibility for asking Mr. Morgan should rest upon the commission.

Borough President Crowell suggested an addition to the contract making it obligatory for the Interborough to enter into an agreement for free transfers with the municipal Staten Island ferry for a five-cent fare.

ROOSEVELT AIDS GIREAUX BOOM THE MASTER MIND

In Response to Mrs. Douglas Robinson's Appeal, He Spurs Detectives On.

Persons under the delusion that a President, farmer, politician, big game hunter, author, orator and father of the Bull Moose party, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt had exhausted the possibilities of one human being for versatility, will be wiser to-day. Yesterday the colonel sprang forth into the ranks of the great detectives of the world by solving, single-handed and without any make-up of any kind, a mystery which has been puzzling thousands of New Yorkers for weeks.

On February 4, 9,000 persons in Manhattan received an innocent looking envelope containing a white card on which was:

"This is to remind you of an incident in your past, and of my enmity. When you receive a red card it will mean I am drawing near. The Master Mind."

Thursday morning, the 13th, a flood of blood-red cards appeared with the following message scrawled on them:

"This is the red card to remind you that I have not forgotten. When you receive a black card, you will know that the end is at hand. The Master Mind."

Mrs. Douglas Robinson called at her husband's real estate office, No. 63 East 63rd street, yesterday afternoon. He was out and as she sat waiting she picked up an envelope out of which fell one of the red cards. Sure that it was the work of desperate black hand men, she reached for a telephone and called up Colonel Roosevelt.

"Leave it to me," said the colonel. He called Police Headquarters and described the anonymous note which Mr. Robinson had received, and Detectives Hyams and Hughes were put out on the case. On Broadway they met Edward Gireaux, of the Court Circuit bookkeeping offices, and stopped to pass the time of day, remarking, by way of impressing Mr. Gireaux, that they were on the job for Colonel Roosevelt.

Gireaux expressed interest and Hyams pulled out the threatening card. Then they saw the joke. Gireaux pulled out of his pocket one of a third batch of cards which appeared yesterday. It was quite as innocent looking as its predecessors and bore the simple line:

"I will see you at the Harris Theatre. The Master Mind."

JOHN I. KANE WILL FILED

Wife Receives All Personal Effects and Two Homes.

The will of John Innes Kane, who died February 1, was filed yesterday for probate in the Surrogate's Court, showing more than \$10,000 real and \$10,000 personal property. His widow, Annie C. Kane, of No. 63 Fifth avenue, receives all the personal effects, his country place at Bar Harbor and its contents and his city dwelling and the lease on its ground.

The will makes the following bequests: To Dorothy Kane, of No. 42 East 67th street, a niece, \$15,000; to Peter Augustus Jay, of Newport, R. I., a nephew, \$15,000; to his godson Robert Morris Phelps, of New York City, \$5,000; to his godson Norreys Jephson O'Connor, of No. 24 East 33d street, \$5,000, and \$1,000 to his butler, John Manship.

The residue of the estate decedent left to his brother and three sisters or their issue per stirpes, one-fifth to each, and the remaining fifth is left between two nieces, Caroline Kane Phelps, New Rochelle, and Helen Dorothy Kane, No. 42 East 67th street. The brother is Dr. Lancelotti Kane, of New Rochelle, and the sisters are Emily A. K. Jay, Newport, R. I.; Louisa Langdon Kane, No. 23 West 45th street, and Sibil Kent Kane, also of the latter address.

'WHITE WING' PENSIONERS 'TEE-HEE' WITH MAYOR

Gaynor Jokes Over One Patriarch's Whiskers and Another's Winning Way.

POSES WITH BEARDED ONE

Knows They Have No Bed of Roses, but Neither Has He, He Says—222 Are Retired by Edwards.

Pensioned by the city after years of service, grizzled employees of the Street Cleaning Department stood in the yard of Stable A, at Avenue C and 15th street, yesterday morning, and heard Mayor Gaynor make an unusually informal talk, accompanied by little of his customary raucous. The Mayor joked and laughed with the men, and even insisted on being photographed with one veteran, whose whiskers made a tremendous hit with Mr. Gaynor.

True little old man was Sam Schwartz, sixty-nine years old. His brown, patriarchal beard immediately won him the nickname of "Rabbi Moses" from the Mayor, who asked:

"Do they ever give you about that wonderful beard?"

Schwartz bowed, scraped one foot apologetically and mumbled: "Sometimes, your honor." The Mayor shook hands with him several times.

"You look as if you could fight," remarked the Mayor to Michael Faughlin, a spry young fellow of seventy-six years.

"I think I could do you up, your honor—I sure do," said Faughlin, in a thick brogue. And this delighted Mayor Gaynor so that he put both hands on the shoulders of the old man in the white duck uniform and said: "You're all right, Faughlin!"

The very oldest employee of all, who is on the books as eighty-five, but insisted he was only "sixty-five or maybe sixty-six, I dunno," came in for one of the Mayor's jokes.

"Thinking of getting married again?" smiled the Mayor.

"Tee-hee!" uttered the aged "white wing," whose name is William Travis. "How did you know about it, sir?"

"Oh, every young widower should be looking around," answered the Mayor.

The street cleaners were tickled to death by this exhibition of familiarity.

There were 222 of them in all who received pensions. William Robbins, the general superintendent, who has been in the department for thirty-one years, retired on \$150, and his assistant, John C. Wallace, on \$150. Their salaries were \$2,000 and \$2,500, respectively. Among others retiring on 50 per cent pay was Timothy Whalen, a section station master, who is now seventy-four years old.

He served on the United States steamship Princeton and other ships from 1855 on to 1904, when he came to the city. He was also a sailor on the first cargo of tea from Japan to this country. He had been in the department for many years. Patrick Nevin, captain of a department boat, served in the 4th United States Infantry at New Orleans and Mobile in the Civil War. The workmen got half-pay pensions.

Commissioner Edwards, John Ames and many other guests, as well as five hundred officers of the department, were present when the Mayor complimented the Commissioner on his efforts in putting the pension bill through the Legislature.

"I shouldn't think who work for the city year after year look forward to a fair pension at the time that they retire," he asked. "Now, I know there are conditions in the department that are hard, but, of course, I can't make your work a bed of roses for you; neither can Commissioner Edwards. I haven't a bed of roses myself. Indeed, I have a pretty tough time of it. I don't lift cans, but I have other things to lift or try to lift."

The Commissioner said 322 men had been examined, and 291 found physically fit to remain in service. He said he wanted the Street Cleaning Department to get in touch with the Police Department, which would be glad to co-operate in making arrests for violations of the sanitary code.

WATCH THEMSELVES FLY

Aviators See Moving Pictures of Their Own Feats.

Members of the Aero Club of America welcomed their new president, Alvin K. Hawley, last night with a reception and a series of moving pictures showing most of the members in their most notable flights. Lawrence Graham, Christopher Lake, Sidney B. Velt, of Paris, and Harold B. McCormick watched themselves do stunts on and about machines of every type.

Harold V. McCormick, son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, announced that he was going to establish an aviation center in Chicago that would permit of flying over water and land. Captain Thomas F. Baldwin told of many experiences flying in various countries and of his two trips around the world. Henry Woodhouse, editor of "Flying," spoke of the value of an aviation corps to the state guard. He also spoke of his own experiences with his battleships equipped with aeroplanes and their applications prepared against aerial warfare.

The hydroaeroplane, or winged boat, is to be demonstrated by a Loening boat, which will be under the control of the International Aeronautic Federation.

RUSSELL JAPAN SOCIETY HEAD

August Belmont Made Vice-President at Annual Election.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Japan Society yesterday for the ensuing fiscal year: President, Lindsay Russell; vice-president, August Belmont; honorary vice-presidents, Jacob H. Schiff, Dr. Jokichi Takamine, Emerson McMillin and Charles L. Freer; secretary, Eugene C. Vorden; financial secretary, R. Arad and Professor Samuel T. Dutton; treasurer, the Bankers' Trust Company, and honorary treasurers, R. Ichimomiyama and Isaac N. Seligman.

An interesting feature of the report was the prize competitions started by the society at eight important universities for the development and direction of the study of Japan and Japanese-American relations. The sum of \$100 has been turned over to each of the institutions, as follows: Columbia, Isaac N. Seligman; University of Kentucky, Henry Cleave; University of Michigan, Lindsay Russell; Yale University, Dr. Jokichi Takamine; Cornell University, Jacob H. Schiff; Harvard University, R. Arad; Amherst University, Mortimer L. Schiff, and Iowa State University, Mrs. Elmer E. Black.

LAY BRIBERY PLOT TO NEW YORK POLITICIANS

Attorneys for Arrested West Virginia Legislators Charge Connection Here.

FIVE NEW INDICTMENTS

True Bills Found Against One Senator and Four Delegates—Hurried Exodus Reported.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Charleston, W. Va., Feb. 14.—That the plot to bribe members of the West Virginia Legislature to vote for Colonel William Seymour Edwards, the Bull Moose candidate for United States Senator, is the charge of attorneys for the five legislators who have been arrested.

The special grand jury summoned by Judge Henry K. Black to consider the charges of bribery in connection with the senatorship campaign this afternoon returned six indictments. Bills were found against Delegates David Hill, H. E. Asbury, U. S. G. Rhodes and Rath Duff and Senator B. A. Smith. There were four counts in each indictment. The men were indicted for a misdemeanor also, but the exact charge was not made public.

The sitting of the jury was brief. Judge Black, in instructing the jury, said he wanted the entire matter of the unlawful use of money in Charleston investigated, and he urged the jury to return its report as quickly as the importance of the testimony it was to hear would warrant.

Prosecutor Townsend had summoned only a few witnesses, and after their testimony had been taken the indictments were framed and reported to the court.

Next Report Eagerly Awaited.

Intense interest is centered on the next report, which may not be made for several days. Rumors are in circulation that during the night there was an exodus from the town of persons whose names are likely to figure in the grand jury's deliberations. Several members of the Legislature whose names have not figured in the bribery scandal so far are said to be anxious to go before the grand jury and tell what they know of the affair.

Every member of the Legislature, except those against whom indictments have been returned, together with many other well known persons, has been summoned to appear before the special grand jury in the Kanawha County Intermediate Court and tell what they know about the alleged purchase of votes for United States Senator and money alleged to have been spent for the passage or defeat of legislation.

Colonel Edwards, himself arrested on a charge of bribing B. A. Smith, one of the accused men, has issued a statement in which he says:

"I have never in any way, shape or form, directly or indirectly, offered, or caused to be offered to B. A. Smith or any other member of the Legislature, money or other bribe to influence his or their votes in favor of my candidacy."

The colonel invites investigation.

Says He Received \$250.

The latest legislator to get into the line is Delegate George Van Meter, of Grant County, who has issued a statement that \$250 had been handed him by a man. He stated that he marked the money and then delivered it to Attorney General William C. Conley, who he believed still had it. Van Meter after having taken the money refused to change his vote from Elkins to Edwards.

It was learned to-day that Burns had been working on the case since January 29, and are said to have been paying legislators various sums not only for supporting senatorship candidates, but for opposing certain legislation.

The ninth joint Assembly ballot on United States Senator was taken at noon to-day. Senator Ben A. Smith and all the delegates alleged to be implicated in the senatorship scandal voted. The results were: C. W. Watson (Dem.), 41; H. Bailey (Dem.), 1; Isaac T. Mann (Rep.), 17; Davis Elkins (Rep.), 17; W. Hubbard (Rep.), 1; H. B. White (Rep.), 2; W. S. Edwards (Rep.), 6; M. T. Stiles (Dem.), 2; Elliott Northcott (Rep.), 3; Nathan Goff (Rep.), 4; John W. Davis (Dem.), 1.

BILLS AGAINST HOSPITALS

Health Commissioner Asks to Have Measures Blocked.

Relieving the public is amply safeguarded by present laws regarding the erection of a hospital or camp for tuberculosis within the limits of any city in the state. Health Commissioner Lederle has told the Corporation Counsel's representative in Albany, Edward J. McDonald, that the passage of either bill No. 288 or No. 289 would be ill advised and a step backward.

The bills, the commissioner said, aim to prohibit the erection of any hospitals or camps within city limits.

At the present time, it was pointed out, the law now prohibits the establishment of any such place or places until after a petition has been filed with the State Commissioner of Health giving a full description of the proposed location and after a hearing has been had before both the State Commissioner of Health and the local Health Commissioner.

Each member of the board of health of the town in question must have notice of the intention, and the meetings are open to the public and any citizen can state his views.

The bills known as No. 288 and No. 289, would, if passed, interfere with the erection here of tuberculosis extensions by the local Department of Health.

MAY BOOST BILLS FOR \$5

Friends of Labor Measures Will Go to Albany on Special Train.

The friends of labor bills now pending in the Legislature will have a chance to support them by going to Albany when they are heard before the Senate and Assembly committees on Labor and Industry next Wednesday.

A special train will leave the Grand Central Terminal on Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. George B. Hall, secretary of the New York Child Labor Committee, No. 106 East 16th street, will issue reduced rate tickets good for transportation both ways and a box luncheon for \$5. The bills are the ones introduced upon recommendation of the New York State Factory Investigating Commission.

CORONER HOLDS CHAUFFEUR.

Robert Rothelm, a chauffeur, employed by Felix Iman, a rich real estate oper-

You can't get away from a RED-MAN

AMUSEMENTS.

NEW YORK'S LEADING THEATRES.

EMPIRE 43rd St. & 4th Ave. 8:30. 1st Night. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "A GRIPPING PLAY."

THE SPY WELL ACTED. —HERALD.

KNICKERBOCKER, Broadway & 38th St. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE YEAR'S BEST MUSICAL COMEDY."

JULIA SANDERSON IN "THE SUNSHINE GIRL."

—PRESS, with JOSEPH CAWTHON.

LYCEUM 45th St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE NEW SECRETARY."

CHARLES CHERRY—MARIE DORO.

FOR SMART PEOPLE. The New Secretary.

Lyceum Theatre—Special Today at 11 a.m. LECTURE: Profusely Illustrated by the new color process. (Prices 50c, \$1.50.) Carroll Beckwith Versailles Park. Palace will describe.

GARRICK 37th St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE CONSPIRACY."

CRITERION 44th St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE UNWRITTEN LAW."

ROBERT HILLIARD.

FULTON 37th St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE UNWRITTEN LAW."

By the author of "THE SQUAW MAN."

HUDSON 44th St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE UNWRITTEN LAW."

MATINEE TO-DAY 2:20.

POOR LITTLE RICH GIRL.

A tale of fact & fancy by Eleanor Gifford.

HARRIS 42nd St. & Broadway. 8:30. To-day & Wed. 2:30. "THE OLD FIRM."

LAST NIGHT. "THE MASTER MIND."

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